



# SUMMARY OF 2017 ILLINOIS SPRING TURKEY SEASON

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



## Regular Shotgun/Archery Spring Turkey Season

### General Information

**Season Dates:** Apr. 3 - May 4, 2017 (South); Apr. 10 - May 11, 2017 (North)

**Season Structure:** 5 consecutive individual season segments comprising a total of 32 days per zone; the lengths of individual segments were 5, 6, 6, 7, and 8 days, respectively. Regular paid permits were valid for only a single season segment, while landowner permits were valid throughout the entire 32 days.

**Number of Counties Open:** 100 (closed in Cook and DuPage)

**Bag Limit:** One gobbler (male) or bearded hen per permit

**Number of Permits Allowed:** 3 (subject to availability)

**Permit Availability:** County-specific (or special hunt area-specific) permits issued via a series of 4 lotteries, with specific permit quotas set for each county/special hunt area. Resident hunters could apply for their first permit in the first lottery; resident hunters without a permit and nonresident hunters could apply for their first permit in the second lottery; anyone could apply for a first or second permit in the third lottery; and anyone could apply in the fourth lottery for 1, 2, or 3 permits up to their individual limit of 3.

**Harvest Reporting:** Mandatory harvest reporting via telephone or internet by 3:00 p.m. on the day of harvest.

**Significant Changes:** The previously-existing "random daily drawing period" was replaced with a fourth lottery drawing, which was open to any resident or non-resident with fewer than three permits

### Regular Season Results (Excludes Youth Season)

**Harvest Total:** 14,181 (15,720 including Youth Season)

**Record Harvest:** 16,057 (2006; 16,569 including Youth Season)

**Permit Success Rate:** 25.3% (Excludes POH permits)

**Harvest Age Structure:** 81.8% adult; 18.2% juvenile

**Harvest Sex Ratio:** 98.2% male; 1.8% female

**Average Number of Days Hunted per Successful Permit (Excludes Landowner Permits):** 2.1

**Public Land Harvest:** 1,442 (10.2%)

**Top 5 Counties:** JoDaviess (580), Jefferson (365), Adams (363), Pike (354), Fulton (335)

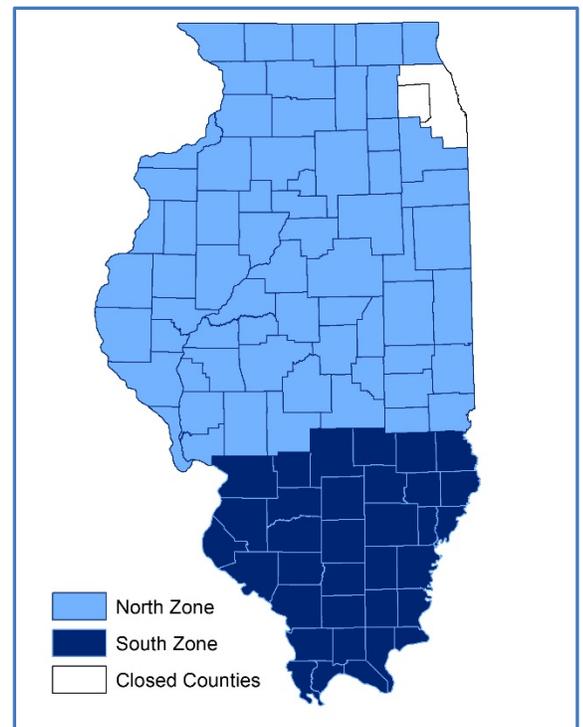
### **Weather Conditions:**

March: Near average temperature; precipitation slightly below average.

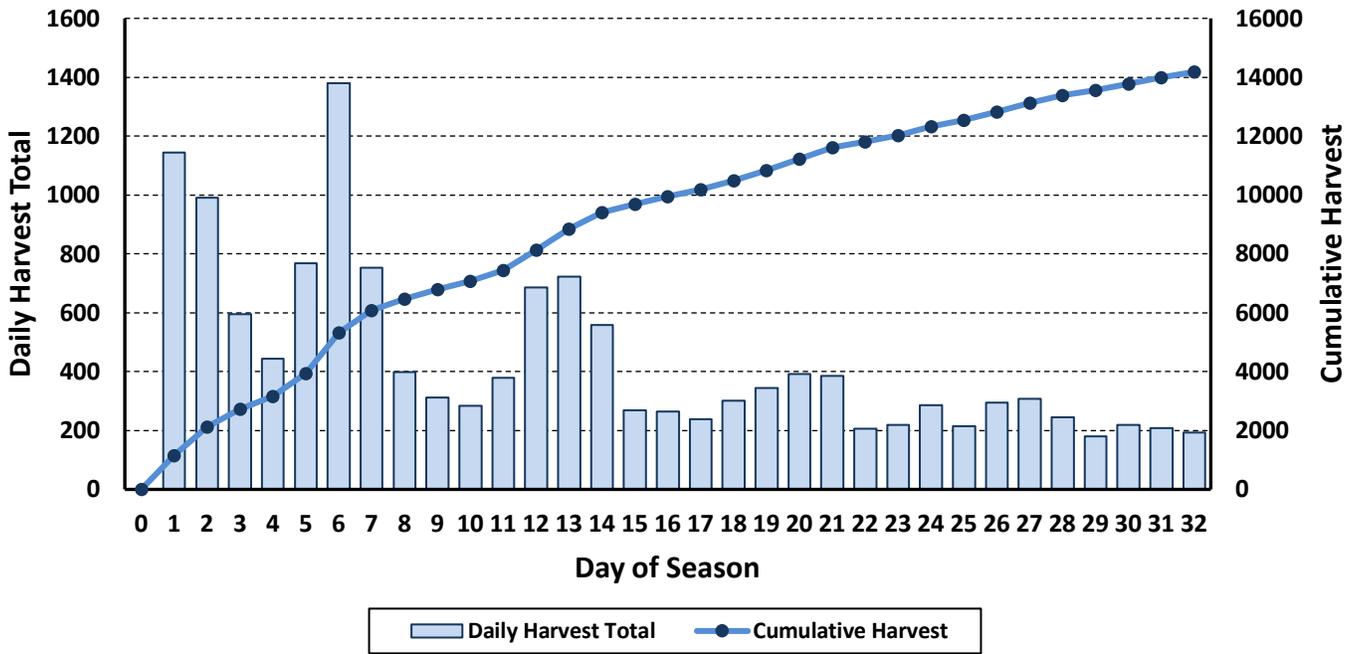
April: Temperature well above average; precipitation slightly below average.

May: Slightly cooler than average overall; precipitation well above average, particularly in the first week.

### Spring Turkey Hunting Zones



Daily harvest total and cumulative harvest during the 2017 regular spring turkey season

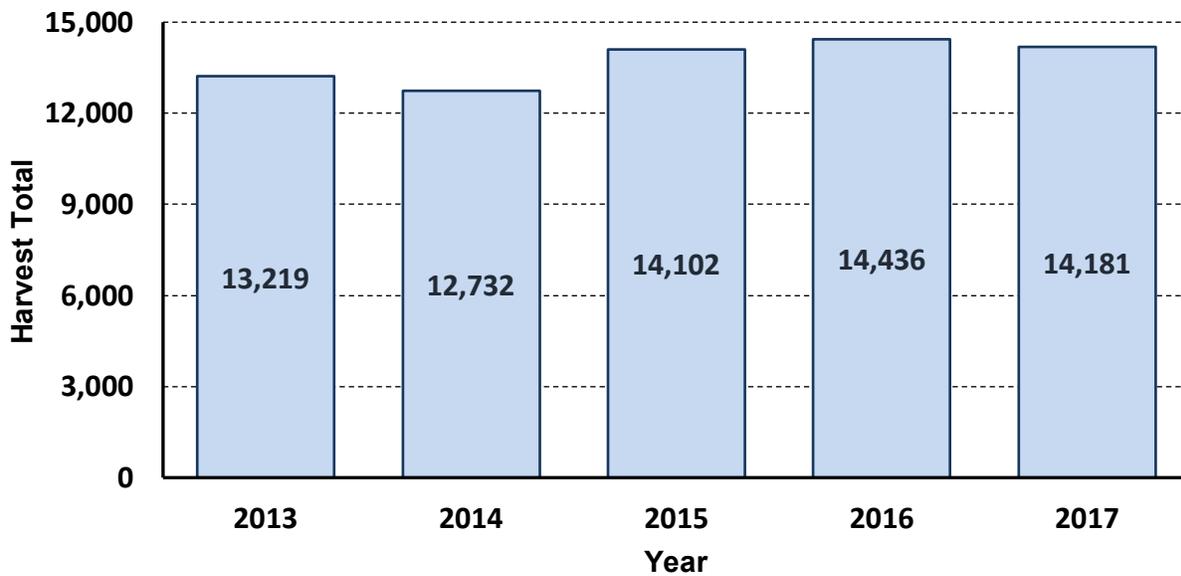


Trends in the number of spring turkey season permits issued statewide

Permit Type	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Landowner Permits	19,238	18,443	17,324	17,697	17,395
Special Hunt Area-specific Permits	2,391	2,408	2,367	2,463	2,466
County-specific Permits	48,500	45,557	45,147	43,806	43,975
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70,129</b>	<b>66,408</b>	<b>64,838</b>	<b>63,966</b>	<b>63,836</b>

### 2017 Youth Turkey Season

Recent trend in regular spring turkey harvest



## General Information

**Season Dates:** March 25 - 26, 2017 & Apr. 1 - 2, 2017 (Statewide)

**Season Length:** 4 days total

**Number of Counties Open:** 100 (closed in Cook and DuPage)

**Bag Limit:** One turkey per legal permit

**Number of Permits Allowed:** 1 (counts towards maximum of 3 allowed in Regular Spring Season)

**Special Regulations:** Limited to youths under the age of 16, who must be accompanied by a responsible non-hunting supervising adult. One county-specific permit (available over-the-counter) or one special hunt area permit (issued via lottery) allowed per hunter. Mandatory harvest reporting by 3:00 p.m. on day of harvest.

## Season Results

**Harvest Total:** 1,539 (Record)

**Hunter Success Rate:** 27.5%

**Harvest Age Structure:** 74.5% adult: 25.5% juvenile

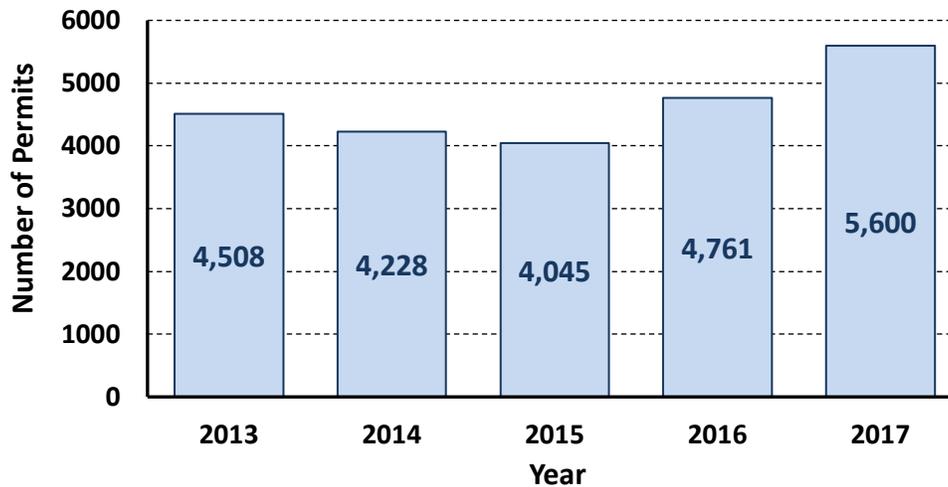
**Harvest Sex Ratio:** 97.2% male: 2.8% female

**Average # Days Hunted per Successful Hunter:** 1.7

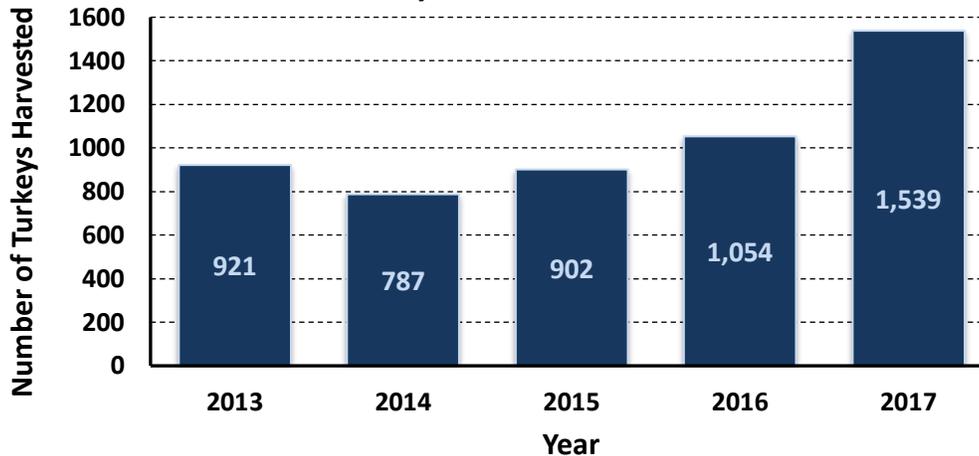
**Public Land Harvest:** 123 (8.0%)

**Top 5 Counties:** Pike (53), Fayette (50), Jefferson (44), Jackson (42), Union (41)

**Youth turkey season trend in permits issued**



**Youth turkey season harvest trend**



## 2017 County Harvest Totals by Season

County	Youth	Regular Season Results*					Total	Regular Season Success
		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th		
ADAMS	35	91	74	57	34	19	275	24.9%
ALEXANDER	14	46	23	28	17	7	121	30.7%
BOND	20	26	25	20	14	12	97	24.3%
BOONE	8	18	11	13	13	10	65	37.1%
BROWN	25	80	45	33	23	18	199	29.5%
BUREAU	9	33	33	19	14	25	124	26.1%
CALHOUN	23	79	39	35	7	4	164	23.5%
CARROLL	7	47	68	43	14	16	188	26.9%
CASS	22	54	45	37	15	18	169	34.2%
CHAMPAIGN	7	3	4	6	3	2	18	21.2%
CHRISTIAN	1	13	6	8	5	7	39	18.3%
CLARK	11	29	33	24	18	37	141	28.3%
CLAY	24	39	34	20	22	22	137	23.8%
CLINTON	13	13	13	10	14	6	56	17.6%
COLES	6	13	5	10	6	4	38	20.8%
CRAWFORD	16	36	28	29	29	25	147	31.6%
CUMBERLAND	6	12	7	5	5	1	30	14.7%
DEKALB	1	2	4	4	4	1	15	18.3%
DEWITT	7	12	11	8	7	2	40	27.6%
DOUGLAS	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3.4%
EDGAR	3	20	15	11	10	13	69	25.3%
EDWARDS	10	13	16	11	9	8	57	26.0%
EFFINGHAM	15	16	17	15	19	7	74	22.8%
FAYETTE	50	38	39	25	27	23	152	31.9%
FORD	0	4	1	0	4	0	9	18.0%
FRANKLIN	16	26	26	21	28	21	122	34.7%
FULTON	41	80	50	51	40	33	254	21.1%
GALLATIN/HARDIN	21	60	38	42	37	10	187	21.4%
GREENE	13	31	35	17	12	3	98	20.3%
GRUNDY	4	14	9	10	5	9	47	27.0%
HAMILTON	33	43	34	27	35	30	169	42.3%
HANCOCK	20	73	64	60	36	16	249	31.3%
HENDERSON	14	31	30	23	19	6	109	25.7%
HENRY	4	12	17	14	7	12	62	35.4%
IROQUOIS	10	13	15	9	9	9	55	31.4%

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JACKSON	42	77	63	46	49	26	261	27.6%
JASPER	11	28	25	26	21	10	110	28.7%
JEFFERSON	44	75	67	50	60	56	308	30.8%
JERSEY	23	55	37	28	6	5	131	20.8%
JODAVIESS	29	143	163	121	61	29	517	25.9%
JOHNSON	19	51	45	36	27	34	193	23.4%
KANE	0	3	1	1	0	0	5	20.0%
KANKAKEE	4	7	7	7	3	5	29	19.3%
KENDALL	1	5	2	4	1	4	16	17.0%
KNOX	29	54	42	36	29	40	201	26.0%
LAKE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
LASALLE	4	32	27	19	15	13	106	22.1%
LAWRENCE	13	21	30	19	20	7	97	28.7%
LEE	18	21	26	24	9	12	92	30.9%
LIVINGSTON	1	4	3	5	1	5	18	24.0%
LOGAN	7	7	9	5	5	4	30	21.3%
MACON	4	7	4	4	2	2	19	15.6%
MACOUPIN	28	76	60	49	16	9	210	22.3%
MADISON	18	42	44	46	36	8	176	21.9%
MARION	39	63	49	42	34	39	227	27.9%
MARSHALL/PUTNAM	6	29	29	15	15	18	106	28.6%
MASON	15	48	36	22	10	5	121	31.5%
MASSAC	14	20	19	12	18	6	75	31.3%
MCDONOUGH	13	35	19	22	12	5	93	25.5%
MCHENRY	12	15	17	13	8	15	68	38.9%
MCLEAN	6	14	12	9	8	14	57	38.0%
MENARD	11	22	15	11	16	4	68	24.6%
MERCER	16	37	43	30	23	34	167	35.0%
MONROE	14	38	21	17	24	14	114	21.6%
MONTGOMERY	30	28	27	30	21	29	135	28.4%
MORGAN	18	39	24	29	6	0	98	18.4%
MOULTRIE	2	12	2	7	4	1	26	37.1%
OGLE	22	41	53	28	26	28	176	39.1%
PEORIA	12	31	30	32	19	6	118	21.0%
PERRY	28	49	41	31	37	25	183	31.4%

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PIATT	0	2	1	2	1	1	7	15.9%
PIKE	53	102	77	51	30	9	269	24.2%
POPE	17	83	52	64	65	38	302	19.5%
PULASKI	8	21	21	19	12	12	85	33.2%
RANDOLPH	40	57	53	41	51	29	231	25.0%
RICHLAND	8	21	18	15	21	16	91	30.1%
ROCK ISLAND	14	33	46	39	22	38	178	29.7%
SALINE	23	26	14	12	17	12	81	22.9%
SANGAMON	9	26	24	22	17	11	100	25.6%
SCHUYLER	27	60	54	46	24	15	199	23.0%
SCOTT	8	26	26	18	5	6	81	32.3%
SHELBY	13	23	15	13	14	17	82	36.4%
ST CLAIR	11	19	28	24	18	10	99	20.0%
STARK	1	3	2	3	1	0	9	34.6%
STEPHENSON	15	53	45	42	32	39	211	38.6%
TAZEWELL	6	11	11	9	4	7	42	21.0%
UNION	41	71	53	50	55	39	268	29.0%
VERMILION	11	31	36	22	20	6	115	26.5%
WABASH	5	8	8	9	11	7	43	27.9%
WARREN	7	15	11	10	8	6	50	30.7%
WASHINGTON	21	14	27	20	22	6	89	22.5%
WAYNE	30	56	53	36	37	37	219	32.4%
WHITE	28	31	16	22	24	21	114	38.0%
WHITESIDE	15	31	26	31	20	19	127	28.2%
WILL	0	12	8	24	14	9	67	44.7%
WILLIAMSON	38	55	51	49	46	38	239	35.4%
WINNEBAGO	13	33	37	24	30	33	157	36.4%
WOODFORD	7	9	16	11	10	14	60	21.9%
<b>TOTAL**</b>	<b>1,531</b>	<b>3,281</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>2,349</b>	<b>1,834</b>	<b>1,443</b>	<b>11,743</b>	<b>26.7%</b>

\*Property Only Hunting Permits (Landowner Tags) and Youth Permits not included

\*\*Does not include harvest records for which the county is unknown due to reporting error

### 2017 Spring Turkey Harvest on Illinis Public Land

Site Name*	Location County/Countries	Harvest Total**	Success Rate***
Apple River Canyon SP	JODAVIESS	2	5.7%
Argyle Lake SP	MCDONOUGH	4	
Beaver Dam SP	MACOUPIN	3	30.0%
Big Bend SFWA	WHITESIDE	13	37.1%
Big River SF	HENDERSON	13	43.3%
Burning Star SFWA	JACKSON	6	26.1%
Cache River SNA	JOHNSON/PULASKI/MASSAC	20	
Campbell Pond SHA	JACKSON/PERRY	2	
Carlyle Lake SFWA	CLINTON/FAYETTE	6	
Carlyle Lake SFWA-East Fork Unit	CLINTON	3	30.0%
Castle Rock SP	OGLE	3	10.0%
Clinton Lake SRA	DEWITT	19	25.7%
Coffeen Lake SFWA	MONTGOMERY	10	33.3%
Crab Orchard NWR	WILLIAMSON	53	45.3%
Crab Orchard NWR-Open Hunting Area	JACKSON/UNION/ WILLIAMSON	40	
Crawford County CA	CRAWFORD	5	40.0%
Cypress Creek NWR	ALEXANDER/JOHNSON/PULASKI/ UNION	14	
Cypress Pond SNA	JOHNSON/UNION	2	
Deer Pond SNA	JOHNSON	1	
Devil's Island WMA	ALEXANDER/UNION	1	
Dog Island WMA	POPE	4	
Eagle Creek SP	SHELBY	1	25.0%
Eldon Hazlet SP	CLINTON	2	11.1%
Ferne Clyffe SP	JOHNSON	2	16.7%
Ferne Clyffe SP-Including Cedar/Draper Bluff	JOHNSON	7	
Fort de Chartres Historic Site	RANDOLPH	1	
Fox Ridge SP/Hurricane Creek SHA	COLES	4	26.7%
French Bluff SNA	CARROLL	2	5.9%
Giant City SP	JACKSON/UNION	13	
Great River NWR	ADAMS	6	
Green River SWA	LEE	20	40.0%
Hamilton County CA	HAMILTON/WHITE	17	56.7%
Hanover Bluff SNA	JODAVIESS	4	26.7%
Harry "Babe" Woodyard SNA	VERMILION	3	15.0%
Hidden Springs SF	SHELBY	3	10.7%
Horseshoe Lake CA	ALEXANDER	5	

Horseshoe Lake SP	MADISON	6	40.0%
Horseshoe Lake SP-Chouteau, Gabaret, and Mosenthein Islands	MADISON	11	
Iroquois County SWA	IROQUOIS	8	40.0%
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA	CASS	53	22.0%
JohnsonSauk Trail SP	HENRY	5	25.0%
Joliet Army Training Area	WILL	15	30.0%
Jubilee College SP	PEORIA	1	
Kankakee River SP	KANKAKEE/WILL	6	26.1%
Kaskaskia River SFWA	MONROE/RANDOLPH/ST CLAIR	34	
Kickapoo SP	VERMILION	11	27.5%
Kinkaid Lake SFWA	JACKSON	24	
Kishwaukee River SFWA	DEKALB	1	4.0%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Moultrie	MOULTRIE	15	30.0%
Lake Shelbyville Project-Shelby	SHELBY	20	33.3%
Lowden Miller SF	OGLE	10	10.0%
Mackinaw River FWA	TAZEWELL	4	16.0%
Mark Twain NWR-Wilkerson Island	JACKSON	5	
Marseilles FWA	LASALLE	9	18.0%
Marshall FWA	MARSHALL/PEORIA	2	11.8%
Matthiessen SP	LASALLE	2	20.0%
Mermet Lake SFWA	MASSAC	7	70.0%
Mermet Lake SFWA – Disabled	MASSAC	1	33.3%
Middlefork FWMA	VERMILION	6	18.8%
Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie	WILL	13	32.5%
Mississippi Palisades SP	CARROLL	9	20.9%
Mississippi River Pool 13	CARROLL	1	
Mississippi River Pool 21	ADAMS	17	
Mississippi River Pool 22	ADAMS	6	
Mississippi River SFWA	CALHOUN/JERSEY	10	
Momence Wetlands	KANKAKEE	3	25.0%
Moraine View SP	MCLEAN	9	45.0%
Morrison Rockwood SP	WHITESIDE	5	10.4%
Mt. Vernon Game Propagation Center	JEFFERSON	6	60.0%
Newton Lake FWA	JASPER	17	42.5%
Oakwood Bottoms	JACKSON	16	
Peabody River King SFWA	ST CLAIR	3	
Pere Marquette SP	JERSEY	7	10.4%
Pyramid SP	PERRY	2	8.7%
Pyramid SP- East Conant Unit	PERRY	8	40.0%
Pyramid SP-Captain Unit	PERRY	2	40.0%
Pyramid SP-Denmark Unit	PERRY	4	80.8%

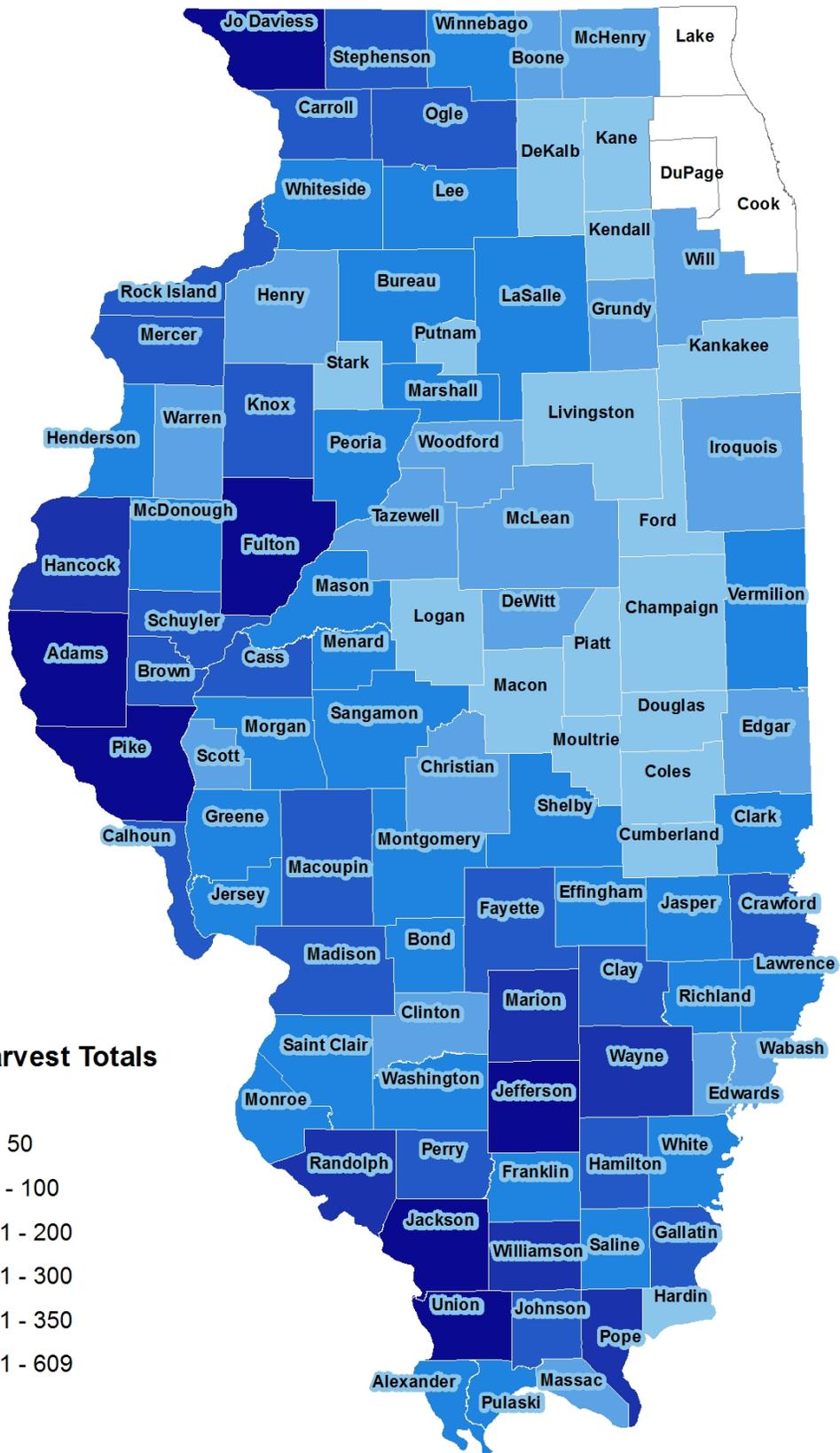
Pyramid SP-Galum Unit	PERRY	3	60.0%
Rall Woods (Falling Down Prairie) SNA	JODAVIESS	1	10.0%
Ramsey Lake SP	FAYETTE	6	18.8%
Randolph County CA	RANDOLPH	6	24.0%
Ray Norbut SFWA	PIKE	1	
Ray Norbut SFWA-Dutch Creek Unit	PIKE	2	22.2%
Red Hills SP	LAWRENCE	6	60.0%
Red Hills SP-Chauncey Marsh	LAWRENCE	1	50.0%
Rend Lake (Corps of Engineers)	FRANKLIN/JEFFERSON	55	
Rend Lake SFWA	JEFFERSON	11	
Sahara Woods SFWA	SALINE	9	25.7%
Saline County CA	SALINE/GALLATIN	2	
Sam Dale Lake SFWA	WAYNE	9	29.0%
Sam Parr SFWA	JASPER	1	10.0%
Sand Ridge SF	MASON	22	18.5%
Sandy Ford SNA	LASALLE	3	30.0%
Sangamon County CA	SANGAMON	1	20.0%
Sanganois CA-Squirrel Timber Unit	MASON	2	40.0%
Sanganois SFWA	CASS/MASON	1	
Sangchris Lake SP	CHRISTIAN	4	33.3%
Shawnee National Forest	ALEXANDER/GALLATIN/JACKSON /JOHNSON/MASSAC/POPE/ SALINE/UNION	499	
Shelbyville SFWA	MOULTRIE	1	
Siloam Springs SP	ADAMS/BROWN	8	16.0%
Siloam Springs SP-Buckhorn Unit	BROWN	11	22.0%
Skinner Farm SHA	JOHNSON	1	
Spoon River SF	KNOX	15	30.0%
Starved Rock SP	LASALLE	1	10.0%
Stephen A. Forbes SP	MARION	10	13.9%
Tapley Woods SNA	DAVIESS	1	6.7%
Ten Mile Creek FWA	HAMILTON/JEFFERSON	18	36.0%
Trail of Tears SF	UNION	8	
Turkey Bluffs SFWA	RANDOLPH	7	
Union County CA	UNION	1	
Vesely Land and Water Reserve	WILL	3	30.0%
Washington County CA	WASHINGTON	4	18.2%
Wayne Fitzgerald SRA	FRANKLIN	5	16.7%
Weinberg King SP-Scripps Unit	SCHUYLER	5	20.0%
Weinberg-King SP	SCHUYLER	3	

<b>Weinberg-King SP-Spunky Bottoms Unit</b>	BROWN	2	
<b>Witkowsky SFWA</b>	JODAVIESS	3	5.5%
<b>Wolf Creek SP</b>	SHELBY	1	16.7%
<b>Unidentified Public Land</b>	Multiple	91	
		<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b><i>1,554</i></b>

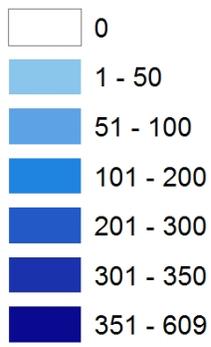
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\*\*Includes Youth Harvest

\*\*\*Only listed for SHAs; success rate cannot be calculated on sites open to county tags



**2017 Harvest Totals**



Harvest Totals are across all seasons and permit types